



Dear 2020 Exhibitors and Participants,

It is with great sadness that the 2020 DCLA Youth Fair has been canceled due to restrictions currently in place to stem the transmission of the COVID-19 Coronavirus outbreak. Multiple potential options to salvage this year's show were discussed at length by the Board. However, in light of the current situation, no suitable options were found.

The Board considered the following:

- Government restrictions on gathering sizes,
- Economics of feed costs,
- Families not being able to work,
- Supporting local businesses who have suffered economic losses, layoffs, and financial hardships,
- UIL restrictions in place with both Texas FFA and 4-H,
- The loss of viable resell option with the unknown of livestock markets.

To answer your many questions moving forward, we have addressed many items below. Please read this information thoroughly as time-sensitive action is required by all livestock exhibitors. Should you have additional questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to your ag teacher, the county extension office, or any of the DCLA board members. Thank you in advance for your help and understanding in the days and weeks to come.



Entry Fees – Entry fees will not be refunded, as stated in the premium book. At this time, the majority of the show expenses have been paid. The Board voted to have reduced entry fees in 2021, and no commission fees on any floor animals or funds raised through our support efforts will be assessed.

Each exhibitor will receive their exhibitor t-shirt as they have been ordered. These will be delivered to the ag teachers and extension office for distribution in the near future.

Market Animals – We have secured several options for the disposition of market animals. We ask that you communicate how you want to dispose of your animals to your ag teachers. We are allowing you to floor animals that were entered to show at DCLA, Houston, and Austin.

Option 1: Resale your animal to the floor. We have secured a floor or market for steer, swine, sheep, goats, and broiler exhibitors. Floor checks will be sent to the exhibitor direct like in year's past. Steer Floor prices will be set once we have a count of how many steers. No commission fees will be assessed from the floor price.

Floor Prices

Steers – TBD once we have a count.

Swine - \$0.16/lb.,

Sheep - \$1.40/lb.,

Goats - \$2.20/lb,

Broilers - \$5/bird



Option 2: Donate to the Cattle Ministry. The Cattle Ministry can accept a limited number of steers and hogs for processing. Exhibitors will not receive any funds but a tax donation letter.

Currently, we are working on a disposition time and central location for the options above. We realize that schools are not allowed to use school resources and will have board members and volunteers available to pick up animals around the county. Attached to this letter is the disposition form REQUIRED to be signed and returned at the time of disposition or pick up of all animals.

Junior Exhibitor Stipend

To recognize the efforts, dedication, and hard work of our exhibitors, the DCLA board is developing a Junior Exhibitor Stipend for 2020. We are asking our community buyers that generally attend the Youth Fair Auction to contribute. The stipend will be split by the percentage of total exhibitors by the club or chapter. Each chapter will receive a total amount to be disbursed at the local level. 100% of all donations will go back to the kids. Any tickets sold by our queen and princess candidates to date will be directed to this fund. We are working with several large buying groups outside of the school groups to contribute their funds to this year's stipend. Please encourage your prospective buyers to continue to participate this year by donating funds to the Junior Exhibitor Stipend Fund. We will be posting and acknowledging all donors who contribute to the fund on our website and social media. Letters for tax purposes will also continue to be provided for contributions. Contributions can be made online at [GoFundMe](#) or by sending a check to DCLA, PO Box 887, Krum, TX 76249, by April 30, 2020.



We are aware there will be several additional efforts to support our exhibitors, and we applaud all involved. As a reminder, DCLA has not and will not be hosting or sanctioning any events, including online auctions as a result of this cancellation. Our focus is fundraising into one fund that benefits all youth of Denton County.

Scholarships – The Blue Ribbon Club will continue to provide scholarships for 2020. The Blue Ribbon Club will send notices to all applicants.

We realize this is a frustrating end to the 2020 livestock show season after many months of hard work and financial investment by our exhibitors and families. We are heartbroken that our seniors will not get to show. Our goal is to help offset the costs associated with our exhibitor's projects as much as possible.

Unfortunately, we will not know what that looks like until all donations are collected/processed and, therefore, cannot offer you any additional financial information at this time. Please remember that we will be in contact with you and make every effort to get available funds into your hands as quickly as possible. We appreciate your patience, understanding, and grace as we work through these uncharted waters in our lives as individuals and a Board. Please don't hesitate to reach out should you have questions that we have not answered. Stay safe, stay healthy, and we look forward to seeing you all back in 2021!

2020 DCLA Youth Fair Market Animal Disposition Form

ALL LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS:

I understand that due to the 2020 DCLA Youth Fair being cancelled, I am NOT required to relinquish my animal project(s) to the DLCA. I also understand the DCLA will provide options for animal disposition as usual. Therefore, I choose to dispose of my animal(s) via the following means:

Please circle one: Goat Hog Lamb Steer Broilers

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_____ *put on the truck for the resale at floor price*

_____ *donate to the Cattle Ministry (Steers and Hogs)*

_____ I understand once this designation is made, the decision is final and the animal will be removed as designated. If an animal was entered in the show, you must check one of the above boxes.

Signature of Exhibitor _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____